Pension to widows of Sanskrit Scholars

1532. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the state-wise names and addresses of the widows of deceased elderly Sanskrit scholars who were getting Government financial assistance of Rs. 3000/4000 per annum whose cases have been under consideration for continuation of the financial assistance after the death of their husbands;

(b) Since when these cases have been under consideration; and

(c) what are the norms/rules laid down in respect of pension cases of general Civil/Defence personnel and what is the minimum pension given to them and whether the cases referred to (a) above have any relevance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) State-wise names and addresses of the widows of deceased elderly Sanskrit scholars under indigent circumstances being considered for continuation of financial assistance earlier granted to their husbands, are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 82]

(b) As per column 5 of Annexe. Grant of financial assistance in case of widows can be finalised only on receipt of reports from the concerned state Governments which despite repeated reminders are awaited for very long.

(c) Pension cases of general, Civil (Government servants)/ Defence Personnel are covered as per norms/rules/ length of service etc. under instructions of Department of Personnel and Ministry of Defence respectively. The cases referred to at (a) above have no relevance with these cases.

Special Train For Congress (I) Rally

1533. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3208 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December 1988 and state what are the details of previous arrears, if any, towards various Congress (I) Units giving the amount and their dates, for running special trains and employing special coaches in connection with Congress (I) rallies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): No arrears are due from the Congress (I) Units taken together for running special trains and reserved coaches on their account.

Progress of Sino-Indian Discussions on boundary question

1534. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in the first round of official level talks in 1981, the Indian and Chinese delegations had agreed that both sides would maintain peace and tranquillity on the borders and that the identifying guidelines for discussion on the border question in a meaningful manner was, by and large, made at the fifth round of official level talks in Beijing; if so, what progress on these two counts has been made during the Prime Minister's recent visit to China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): The first Round of Official Level Talks between India and China in December 1981 was